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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In response to the communication dated August 10, 2004 (copy enclosed), Applicants submit herewith a Sequence Listing in computer readable form as required by 37 CFR §1.824. In addition, Applicants submit an initial Sequence Listing as required under 37 CFR §1.823(a) and a statement under 37 CFR §1.821(f).

Applicants respectfully request entry of the paper copy and computer readable copy of the Sequence Listing filed herewith for the instant application. Furthermore, Applicants request that the paper copy of the Sequence Listing be inserted into the specification following the Drawings.

I hereby state that this submission, filed in accordance with 37 CFR §1.821(g), does not contain new matter.

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Respectfully submitted,

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